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Applicant(s): TAKAHASHI, et al.  
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For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND A PLASMA  
PROCESSING METHOD  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 1, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 26,  
2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 3 and 8.

Please amend Claims 1, 4 - 6 and 9 - 10 as follows:

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1. (twice amended) In a plasma processing apparatus having  
a vacuum processing chamber, a sample table for mounting a  
sample which is processed in said vacuum processing  
chamber, and a plasma generation means, wherein a plasma  
processing is carried out by generating a plasma in  
response to introduction of a gas which contains at least  
carbon and fluorine, and a gas species is generated which  
contains carbon and fluorine according to a plasma